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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

THE GUIDE-ADVOCATE welcomes all items of interest for this column. Call Phone 11, send by mail or drop item in GUIDE-ADVOCATE Letter-Box.

GIFT books in endless variety at McLAREN'S.

McLAREN'S opening was abandoned on account of the death of Col. Kelly.

Up to last Friday Glencoe has recruited eleven for the 155th Batt.

INSTEAD of calling a man a liar, the new term of abuse will be "war correspondent."

A SMOKING or house coat for HIM for Christmas.—SWIFTS'.

THE High School commencement has been postponed until the second week in January.

ABOUT eight inches of snow fell in this district on Thursday night and made fair sleighing.

MUNICIPAL nominations will be held on Monday, Dec. 27th, and the elections the following Monday.

ORANGES, bananas, pineapples, mixed nuts and Christmas candy at our usual low prices.—THE N. B. HOWDEN EST.

THE last trip for passengers on the Northern Navigation boats from Sarnia was made Saturday.

WOULDN'T it be terrible if Henry Ford and Bryan both ran for president and split the German vote?

ANYONE wanting repairing done or new sleighs should call on HARRY WILKINSON at his shop opposite the Baptist church.

In the Northern Hockey League schedule, Sarnia, Ingersoll, Woodstock and London Overseas Club are lined up for a western group.

EVERYTHING for the children in Santa Claus' headquarters at McLAREN'S.

REGULAR meeting of L.O.L. 505, this (Friday) evening. Election of officers and other important business. A full attendance requested.

MOTHER'S Christmas present, nothing could be more suitable for mother, than an electric iron which makes play of work. Irons for sale at electric plant.

DURING 1914 Lambton had a total of 972 births, four of which were illegitimate. Males predominated. There were 445 marriages in the county during the year.

SPECIAL purchase of Furs. You can buy them from us at wholesale prices.—SWIFTS'.

MANY married men never buy neckties, slippers, handkerchiefs or gloves for themselves after November 1st. They wait to see what Christmas Day will bring.

THERE is another slight change in the clubbing list this week. If you desire any outside papers it would be wise to get them now as full price will likely be charged in a few weeks.

THE St. Clair tunnel of the Grand Trunk Railway system under the St. Clair river between Sarnia, Ont., and Port Huron, Mich., was opened for passenger traffic twenty-four years ago—December 7, 1891.

SPECIAL values in china for the holiday trade. Buy early as this line is short, owing to the present conditions in Europe.—N. B. HOWDEN EST.

AS to Old King Alcohol, he doesn't seem so badly hit after all. There is lots doing in the Champagne country, our boys have lately been on the loose and everyone is anxious to get nearer to the Sublime Porte.

In renewing his subscription Mr. L. J. Williams, principal of the Medicine Hat High School writes:—"We get the Guide-Advocate regularly and it is always a welcome arrival. It has first place among contemporaneous literature."

YOUNG farmers should read the message from Capt. Chalk, of Forest, to Major Fairbank, found elsewhere in this issue. It is up to the men on the farms to act. Those in the towns and villages have done well so far.

THE finest line of Xmas chocolates we have shown—25c to \$3.25 per package—at McLAREN'S.

THE number of Christmas parcels for overseas troops is so many, and the transport system is so great at the present time, that the British Government has notified the Postoffice Department of Canada that, temporarily, no parcels over seven pounds in weight will be carried.

SANTA CLAUS was born ages ago, and he has been so busy ever since that he never has taken time to study his family tree. Canadian children call him Santa Claus; the little Dutch folk, St. Nicholas; the French, Pere Noel, and the Germans, Prinz Rupprecht or Kris Kringle. But they all mean the same thing.

LADIES' and gents' silver and gold mounted umbrellas \$2.50 to \$5.00.—SWIFTS'.

THE engagement is announced of Miss Mary Elizabeth Mackenzie, B. A., of the Provincial Normal School, Victoria B. C. to Mr. Everett Stanley Farr B. A., L. L. B., Principal of the English School for Foreigners, Vegreville, Alberta, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Farr, Gainsborough, Sask. The marriage to take place late in December.

POTATOS for Christmas.—SWIFTS'. POTATOES are selling at \$1.60 a bag off cars at Glencoe.

THE best Christmas man gets is the Christmas tree.

MOLLY—Well, he has a striking forehead, anyway. Cordelia—Bah! So has a billy goat.

HOCKEY SKATES in all sizes, \$1.00 to \$5.00. Hockey sticks 10c to 75c; pucks 25c. at HOWDEN'S.

READ the ads in this issue and you will be able to buy your Christmas goods to better advantage.

R. C. McLEAVY, the Chevrolet dealer, has placed a plate glass front in his office to exhibit his cars.

REV. H. J. FAIR, of Arkona, will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist Church Watford, next Sunday at 7 p.m.

Dainty Xmas perfume packages—25c to \$3.50 at McLAREN'S.

The recruiting meeting advertised for Sarnia last Monday evening was called off on account of the death of Lieut.-Col. Kelly.

The educational committee of the Middlesex Council brought in a report urging a protest against the act to provide for the superannuation of school teachers and inspectors, which is now before the Ontario Legislature.

MEN of military age born or domiciled in Canada are experiencing difficulty in getting away from England. In addition to a passport it is necessary to get a permit signed by a magistrate. This applies even to married men under 41 years.

RESOLUTION unanimously passed by council of the corporation: Owing to the death of the late Lieut.-Col. Robert George Campbell Kelly, Medical Health Officer, the council request all citizens to close their places of business on Friday, Dec. 17th, from one o'clock p. m. until three o'clock p. m.—F. KENWARD, Reeve W. S. FULLER, Clerk.

LADIES' Georgette crepe collars 75c to \$1.00.—SWIFTS' Christmas Store.

THE ANSLEY COAL CO. of Medicine Hat, Alberta, of which Wm. Ansley, formerly of 18 Sideroad, Warwick, is the head, are selling stock now for running an aerial tramway across the Saskatchewan river to carry coal right from the mouth of the mine to the railway. They have a seven foot seam of good coal and own about 1300 acres of coal rights.

SPIRIOUS fifty-cent pieces have made their appearance. They are made from a mould, and while a little thicker and lighter than the coins struck off in the mint, are an excellent counterfeit, having a good ring and appearance. They have been carefully prepared and are silver plated, and would readily deceive the average person.

XMAS decorations of all kinds at McLAREN'S.

A WOODSTOCK dispatch dated Dec. 13 says:—James Bryson, who came to Woodstock about three years ago from Watford, died at his residence this morning. He was well known to East End residents, and was employed at Hay & Co's factory. Left to mourn are his wife, and one married daughter, living in the West. The funeral will take place on Tuesday to the Methodist Cemetery.

MOVING picture shows are exhibiting a film purporting to be the sinking of the Lusitania. The Film Company bought a boat and took it outside of Boston Harbor loaded with 150 expert swimmers. The boat was torpedoed by a pretended submarine and everybody rescued. So the public are flocking to picture shows to see the faked sinking of the Lusitania.

We have a few dinner and tea sets that are worth more money than we are asking for them. What about one for Christmas?—THE HOWDEN EST.

MISS NESBITT will have her display of Christmas goods in Harper Bros. store, and will open Wednesday, Dec. 8th. A picture makes a handsome and useful gift. In my display of art work you will find it easy to choose a picture that suits your taste and purse, and in turn just as surely please the recipient. Also Christmas cards and dainty little novelties, hand made and hand decorated. I kindly invite your inspection. n25—5t

THE willing workers of the Epworth League will hold a bazaar in Mr. Ross' vacant store on main street on Friday and Saturday of this week. They will offer for sale many beautiful and cheap articles suitable for Christmas presents, such as silk hand bags, pin cushions, yokes and centre pieces in tatting and crochet, boys suits, aprons, caps etc., call and see for yourself. Bazaar on Friday afternoon and evening. Home-made cooking sale on Saturday afternoon.

SOME people have a hard time raising money for Christmas presents, others get them on credit and never pay, while others use someone else's money for the purpose. One of the latter class went on a still hunt for the needful on Saturday night between 9 and 10 o'clock. They paid Mrs. Ferguson's house a visit, and seeing her handbag borrowed a few dollars from it without leaving an I.O.U. or promissory note for the money. Probably they intend buying a handsome present for Mrs. Ferguson and will present it on Christmas day, but the good lady would rather spend the money herself if the thief will kindly return it.

TACS and seals, gold and silver cord, cards, calendars and booklets at McLAREN'S.

TURKEYS 21 cents.

"MURPHY'S SQUAD" will give a good account of itself when it gets to the front.

DR. BRAITHWAITE will occupy the pulpit of the Cong'l churches next Sunday.

OPEN evenings from Saturday 18th until Xmas.—SWIFTS'.

CHRISTMAS falls on Saturday this year. It is always a fine thing when Sunday is "the day after."

THE flag at the Armory has been at half mast all week owing to the death of Lieut.-Col. Kelly, O. C. 149th Batt.

SURE, your neighbor may not object to loaning you his paper, but is it nice to be a borrower, even of a newspaper?

THEY say that Germany has invented pills to keep up the courage of the Teuton soldiers. More pink pills for pale people.

VACUUM CLEANERS \$6.50; carpet sweepers \$3.00 and \$4.00; O-cedar mops 75c to \$1.50 at HOWDEN'S.

PT. HARRY WHITSITT slipped quietly into town on Wednesday. If he had let us know he was coming the people would have met him and given him a welcome.

REV. R. W. KELLEY, of Toronto, who occupied the pulpit of the Watford Baptist Church last Lord's day evening, will be the preacher at the evening service next Sunday.

MISS MARY MCKENZIE, sister of Capt. McKenzie, and Mrs. R. Daldwell, wife of Capt. R. Caldwell, of Petrolia, have left for England. Captains Caldwell and McKenzie are officers of the 84th Battalion which is now in England.

SEE McLAREN'S assortment of hand bags and purses for Christmas.

AFTER considerable delay the Grand Trunk Railway Co. has decided to proceed with the building of a new steel bridge over the track on Main street and also to assume all responsibilities that may arise from the work.

COMMENCING January 1st, of next year, tourists travelling from the United States into Canada in automobiles will be allowed to stay ten days without giving bond for their cars, instead of seven days as under the regulation in effect during the last few years.

HANDKERCHIEFS at SWIFTS' from one to fifty for a dollar.

As the imposition of a heavy postal rate necessitates the payment in advance of all American subscriptions at this time of the year we direct the attention of our American readers to the Address Labels on their Guide Advocate and ask them kindly to see that their subscriptions are paid in advance.

CORRESPONDENTS will please remember that Resolutions of Condolence come under the head of advertising and must be paid for by the line. Such items are only of interest to a limited number of people and not to the general public. The same rule applies to obituary poetry.

POCKET KNIVES and razors bought before the price advances. Table cutlery and carving sets worth the money at HOWDEN'S.

All advance notices for entertainments of any kind published in the Guide-Advocate, whether an admission fee is charged or a collection taken up, are charged for at the rate of five cents per line. Six words make a line. Committees sending in such notices will kindly state who is responsible for payment.

At the last regular meeting of the Watford Chosen Friends held here on Tuesday evening of this week a resolution of heartfelt sympathy was unanimously passed for Mrs. R. G. C. Kelly and her family in their present deep bereavement. The late Lieut. Kelly was the local examiner of this order.

XMAS stationery makes an appropriate and useful gift—25c to \$3.50 per box at McLAREN'S.

THE municipal pot is not yet simmering. Talk is plentiful as to what should be done in municipal affairs but so far we have not heard anyone state definitely that he is a candidate for municipal honors. A number of names are being mentioned as being good men for reeve or councillor and in all probability there will be several new names on the ballot for 1918.

The appointment of a new Colonel for the 149th Battalion will no doubt be taken up by the Militia Department at once. Colonel F. Kenward, a former commander of the 27th Regt. would make a popular commander both with the officers and men of the new unit and also with the general public, and would have the respect and support of all parties. If the position is offered to him by the authorities he will no doubt accept. At a meeting of officers here the other evening all agreed that Col. Kenward would be very acceptable as a commanding officer should the Minister of Militia see fit to appoint him. Col. Kenward has had long experience in military matters having served in the 27th from the ranks to the command, and is a man of considerable executive ability. It is to be hoped that the militia authorities will not overlook the name of Col. Kenward when considering the naming of a new commander for Lambton's unit.

GREEK raisins 12 1/2c, California seed-cakes 12 1/2c, and 15c, Nabob black currants 15c, choice peels 30c., shelled walnuts 60c., almonds 60c. Everything for Christmas baking at usual prices. We bought early and give you the benefit of the saving.—HOWDEN EST.



The Late Lieut.-Col. R. G. C. Kelly, O. C. 149th Batt.

SUDDEN DEATH OF LIEUT.-COL. KELLY

The Popular Commander of the 149th Battalion Succumbs to Apoplexy

WATFORD AND DISTRICT DEEPLY SHOCKED AND GRIEVED BY HIS DEATH

Military Funeral Befitting A Colonel's Rank on Friday

The community was deeply shocked on Sunday morning when it became known that Lieut.-Col. R. G. C. Kelly, M.D., officer commanding the 149th Lambton Overseas Battalion had been found dead in his garage. Dr. Newell who was called on discovery of the body pronounced death due to apoplexy.

Dr. Kelly, who had an extensive medical practice, recently agreed to take over the command of the County of Lambton Battalion. For the past two weeks he has been attending numerous recruiting meetings.

On Friday evening he attended the memorial service in Strathroy and on Saturday he addressed a recruiting meeting in Petrolia and returned in his motor. He had no sleep, Friday night. On Saturday evening he went to the armory, and left shortly after 11 o'clock with Lieut. Stapleford for his home. He retired, but shortly after midnight a call came for him from the township and he got up and went to the garage. He started his machine, and went back into the house. He complained to his wife about feeling dizzy, but he returned to the garage.

At 1.30 o'clock, the farmer who had called Dr. Kelly came into Watford to see what the delay was. He went to the garage and saw Col. Kelly lying beside the car. He called Lieut. Stapleford, who lives next door, and the two investigated. Dr. Newell, Dr. Siddall, and Rev. S. P. Irwin were called, but life was extinct before they arrived. The body was found lying alongside the car. From the fact that the colonel was lying on his back with his cap folded beneath his head it is thought that he felt death coming and from his medical experience knew there was not time to get to the house so lay down beside the car to die.

The late Col. Kelly was born in Brookville, Ontario, and was educated in the Watford High School. He taught school for several years, but left the profession to study medicine. He graduated from the Western Medical School in 1898, and had been practicing to Watford ever since.

He was married June 27th, 1906, to Miss Florence Wishart, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wishart, at the church of St. James the Apostle in Montreal. He is survived by his wife and four small children, Gordon, Dorris, Constance and a baby in arms. Two brothers, Frederick and William at Imperial, Saskatchewan, and two sisters, Misses Grace and Lillian, also in the West, survive also.

He was greatly interested in military matters, and for some years commanded the Watford company in the 27th Regt. On the resignation of Lieut.-Col. Towers three years ago, Col. Kelly was placed in command. He was in charge at the time of his death. A few weeks ago he was offered the command of the 149th Battalion and accepted.

It is thought that the burden of responsibility shortened his life. His large practice consumed much of his time, and with the added responsibility of the battalion, he overtaxed his strength. He was capable and well thought of. His death was a decided shock to the community.

The late Col. Kelly came from fighting stock. His grandfather, Col. Campbell, was for many years in command of the 27th Regiment, and his uncle, Major Kelly, was also prominent in Ontario and in the West in military matters.

courteous bearing making him many friends. He took considerable interest in all matters for the well-being of the town. He was a member of the public school board for a number of years and chairman for two years. He was the organizer and the leading spirit of the Armory Progress Club. He was an Anglican in religion and a Conservative in politics. He was a member of Havlock Lodge, A.F. & A.M., and the I.O.O.F., and also belonged to several other societies.

A MILITARY FUNERAL

Arrangements for the funeral are now pretty well completed. The remains will lie in state at the Armory on Friday from 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m., at which hour they will be taken to Trinity Church under a military escort. The band of the 70th Battalion will head the procession and the firing party will be composed of men from the same corps or from the 27th Regt. All the officers of the 149th will be present and some belonging to other units, also a number of the men of the Colonel's own battalion, the 149th. After the church service the cortege will proceed to St. James cemetery, Brooke, where the remains will be placed in the family plot. All places of business will be closed during the funeral ceremonies. A regular gun carriage is unobtainable, so an improvised one will be used to convey the remains. The pall bearers will be all officers with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, five of them former commanders of the 27th Regt., of which the late Col. Kelly was head. They are: Col. Fisher, of London; Col. Kenward, of Watford; Col. Ellis, Col. McKenzie, Col. Towers, of Sarnia, and Col. Merrison, of the 1st Hussars.

A private service for the relatives will be held at the family residence at 10 a.m.

A CLOSE SHAVE

This will be of no interest to "Young Shavers," but every man who shaves himself knows that the genuine "Gillette Safety Razor" is acknowledged the best in safety razors. The set price is \$5.00 and this high price has prevented many men from knowing real shaving comfort. Taylor has 200 genuine new \$5.00 Gillette razors which will be on sale at \$3.49 cash. The sale lasts to Dec. 25 and this price is good only at TAYLOR'S Drug Store. Auto-stop razors at 2 for \$5.00. This is the only opportunity of buying a "Gillette" at less than wholesale.

THE late Lieut.-Col. Kelly made application to the County Council last week for a grant of \$1,200 for recruiting purposes. At the closing session of the council Friday afternoon it was decided not to take any action regarding the request. It was also decided not to insure any more men who enlist. The names of the married men who are in the 70th Battalion that are now before the Council will be included in the insured, but no one enlisting from now on will be insured. In regard to the request of \$5,000 per month for the Dominion Patriotic Fund, the councillors decided by a vote of 12 to 11 that no action should be taken until next session, which will be in January.

LADIES' fur trimmed collars 85c to \$1.00. 'New Christmas styles.—SWIFTS'.

A PLEASANT afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. J. Bambridge on Wednesday, Dec. 8th, when the Watford Woman's Institute held their monthly meeting, 22 members 9 visitors present. Meeting opened in the usual way by singing "The Maple Leaf." After disposing of the business on hand the program commenced by singing the Institute Ode. Two solos were sung by Mrs. North in her usual bright style and were much appreciated by all present. Mrs. Crawford playing the accompaniment. Mrs. J. D. Brown and Mrs. H. Cook each gave a paper on "Thoughts on the closing year," which were very good. Miss Mamie Moir and Nellie Kessel an instrumental duet. Meeting closed by singing the National Anthem, after which a light lunch was served. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Humphries.

EVERY man in the Overseas Battalion now training in Canada will receive a good Christmas dinner, the same as was done last year. In the great majority of cases private organizations in the towns and cities where the troops are quartered undertake this duty as a pleasant privilege. This year there will be 75,000 Christmas dinners to be provided as compared with only 20,000 last year. The Militia Department will see to it that every man is afforded the proper means of enjoying the day in the orthodox manner. In many cases, where the people do not make the provision, the Minister of Militia will, figuratively, stand behind with a big platter of roast turkey and other appropriate "trimmings." The Canadian soldiers in England will be taken care of by the people and the Canadian authorities over there.

Bruce Bossenbury, of Grand Bend, has leased the Roche House, Forest, from the Forest Hotel Co. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bossenbury are well-known throughout this section of the Province as experienced and competent hotel keepers. They will, no doubt, make success of the business here.

After fifteen years service Mr. John Williamson has resigned as organist of the Ravenswood Presbyterian church. Miss Emma Stewardson has been engaged for the position.